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PERSONAL NOTES.

AMERICA.

Columbian University.—Mr. Harry Turner Newcomb has been appointed Instructor in Statistics in the Columbian University, Washington, D. C. Mr. Newcomb was born January 4, 1867, at Owosso, Mich. Soon after graduation from the high school at Ludington, Mich., in 1881, he entered the service of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway in its general offices at Milwaukee. From 1888 to 1895 he held a position under the Interstate Commerce Commission, in the Bureau of Rates and Transportation. During a part of this time he also attended evening lectures on law at the Columbian University, from which he received the degrees of LL. B (1881) and LL. M. (1892). In March, 1895, as the result of a competitive civil service examination, he received an appointment in the United States Department of Agriculture, as chief of the section of freight rates in the Division of Statistics; and this position he still holds.

Mr. Newcomb is a member of the American Economic Association, the American Academy of Political and Social Science, the American Statistical Association, and the National Statistical Association. He is also a member of the bar of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. His positions in the civil service have given him exceptional opportunities both for practical work in statistics and for studying railway problems and the actual workings of the Interstate Commerce Act, and they have borne fruit in the following articles:

"Railway Freight Rates." Cassier's Magazine, June, 1894.

"Reasonable Railway Rates." Independent, June 7, 1894.

"Can Railway Rates Be Cheapened?" Forum, October, 1894.

"Railway Nationalization." Public Opinion, November 15, 1894.

"Reasonable Railway Rates." ANNALS, November, 1894.

"The Decline in Railway Charges." Popular Science Monthly, June, 1895.

"Reductions in Railway Rates." Independent, June 6, 1895.

"The Civil Service as a Career." Forum, September, 1895.

"Are American Railway Rates too High?" Engineering Magazine, January, 1896.

"Efficiency of the Civil Service Under the Merit System." Independent, May 21, 1896.

"The Progress of Federal Railway Regulation." Political Science Quarterly, June, 1896.

"The Necessity of Limiting Railway Competition." North American Review, July, 1896.

"The Problem of Railway Labor." Public Opinion, July 2, 1896.

"Railway Pooling and the Reduction of Freight Rates." Engineering Magazine, September, 1896.

"Railway Competition. A Problem in Statistics." Publications of the American Statistical Association. (In press.)

Dickinson College.—Mr. Morris Watson Prince has been appointed Professor of History and Economics at Dickinson College. Professor Prince was born on July 25, 1845, at East Boothbay, Me. His early education was obtained in the Seminary at Bucksport, Me. In 1864 he entered Wesleyan University, from which institution he received the degree of S. T. D. in 1890. He has been Principal of the Warren (Maine) Academy; the Thomaston (Maine) High School; and the Nashua (N. H.) High School, and President of the Seminary at Bucksport, Me.; but most of his time since leaving college has been spent in the pastorate of churches.

University of Iowa.—Dr. Benjamin F. Shambaugh was promoted in June, 1896, from the position of Instructor to the position of Assistant Professor of Political Science. Dr. Shambaugh was born in 1870 near Clinton, Iowa. He received his baccalaureate degree from the State University of Iowa in 1892, and his master's degree in 1893. During 1893-94, and the greater part of 1894-95, he pursued a graduate course in the University of Pennsylvania, receiving the doctor's degree of Ph. D. in 1895. The following summer and fall he spent in Germany, dividing his time between Halle and Berlin. He began his work in the University of Iowa, in January, 1896.

Dr. Shambaugh has published:

"Iowa City, a Contribution to the Early History of Iowa." State Historical Society of Iowa, 1893.

"Constitution and Record of the Claim Association of Johnson County, Iowa, with Introduction and Notes." State Historical Society of Iowa, 1894.

"Documentary Material Relating to the History of Iowa." State Historical Society of Iowa, 1895. (A serial publication, of which seven numbers have appeared.)

Rockford College.—Mrs. Helen Page Bates has been appointed Professor of Economics at Rockford College, Rockford, Ills. Born at that place, September 19, 1860, she was educated in the public schools and received her college education at Wellesley, where in 1883 she received the degree of A. B. After graduating from Wellesley she pursued economic studies for two years at Columbia University. In

1887 she married, and in 1893, on the death of her husband, she took up economic studies at the University of Wisconsin, where she had received a university fellowship in economics. In 1896 she received the degree of Ph. D.* Mrs. Bates has written "*State Irrigation in the Australian Colonies.*" (In press.)

FRANCE.

Paris Faculté de Droit. Dr. René Worms has recently been appointed Chargé des Conférences in Political Economy and Finance at the Law Faculty of Paris. He was born December 8, 1869, at Rennes, where he received his early education. He pursued university studies at Paris in the faculties of law, science and letters. He received the grades of *licencié es lettres*, 1887; *licencié en droit*, 1889; *licencié es sciences naturelles*, 1889; *agregé de philosophie*, 1890; *docteur en droit*, 1891; *docteur es lettres*, 1896. Besides engaging in the practice of law, Dr. Worms has occupied several important posts in the administrative service. His teaching has been in philosophy in the *École Monge*, and in legislation and sociology in the popular courses established by the *Union Française de la Jeunesse*. He was active in the foundation of the International Institute of Sociology and the Société de Sociologie of Paris. In both organizations he holds the post of general secretary. Dr. Worms has been editor of the *Revue Internationale de Sociologie* since January, 1893, the *Bibliothèque Sociologique Internationale* since 1896, and *Annales de l'Institut International de Sociologie* since 1895. He has written many articles on sociological topics in these publications, and has also published several pamphlets.

His books are:

"*De la volonté unilatérale considérée comme source de l'obligation.*" Pp. 210. Paris, 1891.

"*Précis de philosophie.*" Pp. 410. Paris, 1891.

"*Eléments de philosophie scientifique et de philosophie morale.*" Paris, 1891.

"*Le morale de Spinoza.*" Pp. 336. Paris, 1892.

"*Organisme et société.*" Pp. 410. Paris, 1896.

"*De natura et methodo sociologiae.*" Pp. 104. Paris, 1896.

GERMANY.

Freiburg.—At the University of Freiburg, Professor G. von Schulze-Gaevernitz † has recently been elevated to the rank of ordinary professor. His recent publications are:

* See ANNALS, Vol. viii, p. 366, September, 1896.

† See ANNALS, Vol. iv, p. 311, September, 1893.

"*Der Grossbetrieb, ein wirthschaftlicher und socialer Fortschritt, Eine Studie auf dem gebiet der Baumwollindustrie.*" Leipzig, 1892. (Translated into French, Russian, Italian and English. Published in English, under the title "*The Cotton Trade in England and on the Continent.*" Manchester, 1895.)

"*Der Nationalismus in Russland und seine wirthschaftlichen Träger.*" Preussische Jahrbücher, 1893.

"*Eine Studie zum osteuropäischen Merkantilismus.*" Archiv für sociale Gesetzgebung, 1895.

"*Agrarpolitische Reisebriefe aus Russland.*" Sociale Praxis, 1895.

"*Die Moskau-Wladimirsche Baumwollindustrie.*" Schmoller's Jahrbuch, 1896.

HOLLAND.

Amsterdam.—Dr. Marie Willem Frederik Treub has recently been appointed Professor of Political Economy and Statistics at the University of Amsterdam. He was born at Voorschooten, near Leyden, November 30, 1858, and attended the Universities of Leyden 1881-83, Paris 1883-84 and Amsterdam 1884-85. In 1885 he obtained the degree of *Doctor juris* at the University of Amsterdam. He became at once privat-docent at the University and in 1888 began the practice of law. A member of the Municipal Council from 1889 to 1893, he became in the latter year an alderman, and has been engaged successively in the administration of the finances and the public works of the city. His labors as alderman ceased upon assuming the professorship. In connection with Professor Pekelharing he has published since 1892 the *Sociaal Werkblad*, in which he has written much on social questions. He has also written:

"*Ontwikkeling en Verband van de Ryks-Provinciale end Gemeentebelastingen in Nederland.*" Pp. 563, 1885.

"*Over intrekking der muntbiljetten, gepaard met uitbreiding van de werkkrieng der Nederlandsche Bank.*" Vragen des Tyds, 1888.

"*Belstingsvoorstellen van leden der Tweede Kamer.*" Ibid., 1890.

"*Staatserfrecht en successiebelasting.*" Ibid., 1891.

"*Over registratie en registratierecht.*" Ibid., 1892.

"*Over bepalingen omtrent minimum loon en maximum arbeidsduur in bestekken voor werken van openbaren besturen.*" Vereeniging voor de Staatshuishoudkunde en de Statistiek, 1895.

"*De staaten het eigendomsrecht.*" Vragen des Tyds, 1896.